



## VACANCY FOR CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR

# An opportunity to join Choppington Parish Council

**Do you value local democracy and want to shape where you live?**

**Choppington Parish Council invites applications for a co-opted Councillor for the ward of West Sleekburn.**

The Parish Council is the first tier of local government. Choppington Parish Council provides services including activities for children and for older people, allotments; runs play areas; provides seats, bus shelters and litter bins; gives grants to local groups; maintains open spaces and works in close partnership with local community groups.

The Council is non-partisan, it is run for the community with services directed by the community through consultation with residents.

You will be joining 8 existing Councillors, with varied backgrounds and complementary skills, they are all active contributors in their own communities. A strong candidate will have a community connection and may have experience in private business or working within the third sector.

Councillors are expected to attend quarterly Parish meetings and a number of committees during the year. Training in the work of the council will be provided.

### **Please note**

Interested persons must be British or a qualifying Commonwealth or EU citizen, aged 18 years or over and:

- Have lived in the Parish or within three miles of it for the preceding twelve months
- Be a registered elector in the Parish: or
- Have occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises in the Parish for the preceding twelve months: or
- Have their principal or only place of work in the Parish for the preceding twelve months
- Must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor

Please consult full qualification and disqualifications from the electoral commission website

**Any person wishing to apply for this vacancy should contact the Clerk for an application form by email [brindley@choppingtonparishcouncil.org](mailto:brindley@choppingtonparishcouncil.org) or call 01670 858664.**

**All completed applications must be received by the Parish Clerk by noon on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023**